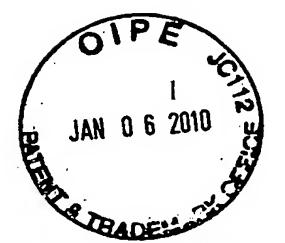
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the German Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the German Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Please note that U.S. Patent Publication Nos. 4,024,696, 3,997,122 and Great Britain Patent Publication No. 1 571 289 are English-language equivalents of German Patent Publication No. 26 56 643. Further, Great Britain Patent Publication Nos. 1 532 648, 1 347 732 and 1 500 383 are English-language equivalents to Swiss Patent Publication No. 584 448, German Patent Publication No. 20 53 957 and German Patent Publication No. 24 19 600, respectively.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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